(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the postmen are granted certain incentives for this service;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether this practice is in vogue in Orissa and if not, the time-frame within which it would be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (d) With a view to provide convenience to the customer, the Department of Posts provides the facility of collection/pickup of Speed Post articles from the premises of the customer by postmen and other staff. The incentive to postmen for this service is granted at the rate of Rs. 0.50 paise per article subject to a maximum of Rs. 5 (Rupees Five) for each customer premises visited for this purpose.

(e) Yes, Sir. The practice is in vogue in Orissa.

Revival plan of ITI

1651. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the financial results of ITI during the last three years; and

(b) the revival plan of ITI including financial package and time schedule for revival?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The financial results of ITI during the last three years were as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Turnover	Loss
2005-06	1749	429
2004-05	1389	310
2003-04	1257	706

(b) The revival plan of ITI included acquisition of the state-of-the-art technologies and its manufacture, product diversification into non-telecom products, contract manufacturing and manufacturing of GSM equipment. It also envisaged re-training and re-deployment of manpower to maintain time schedules for new activities. The manpower cost was expected to be brought down by offering Voluntary Retirement Scheme.

The financial package sanctioned to ITI during December, 2004 and spread over from years as under:

(i)	Expenditure for VRS	=	Rs. 558.00 crore
(ii)	Waiver of interest	=	Rs. 23.67 crore
(iii)	Capital expenditure	=	Rs. 150.00 crore
(iv)	Equity infusion	=	Rs. 200.00 crore
(v)	PF dues	=	Rs. 93.10 crore
	TOTAL:		Rs. 1024.77 crore

Opposition of Press Note 5 by global telecom companies

1652. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the global telecom companies have opposed Press Note 5 issued by Government banning access to their telecom network in India from a location outside the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons advanced by the telecom operators opposing remote access; and

(d) the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The global telecom companies in their representations have stated that restrictions on Remote Access would affect the ability of their India-